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Happy Birthday Hadassah!



Israeli fashions highlight fete...

A gala review including a fashion show, luncheon and birthday festivities will celebrate Hadassah's 41st Annual Donor Day at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Mar. 8 at the Indianapolis Hilton. Hadassah was formed 65 years ago around Purim and is celebrating its national birthday during the week of Purim.

Because parties call for dressing up, fashions from Israel will be presented. Designs of fashion students at Hadassah Comprehensive High School in Jerusalem will be modeled by Leslie Bier, Leonard Berman, Milton Fineberg, William Leventhal, Robert Silbert, Gene Lubin and Mark Stolkin. Fashion commentator is Mrs. Edgar Goldwasser.

The Donor program will also feature a performance by Dance

Kaleidoscope, a professional modern dance company, which will present an interpretation of Israeli folk songs.

Accompanying the fashion show will be a special chorus of birthday singers including Mesdames Herbert Backer, Charles Cohen, Irving Freedman, Willard Gray, Sidney Goldstein, and Ben Schuff. Mrs. Ben Schuff is directing the production which will be accompanied by Mrs. Ben Dock.

Donor Day coordinators are Mrs. Stephen Backer and Mrs. Sylvia Katz. Mrs. Melvin Slavin, president, and Mrs. Charles Cohen are co-chairmen for the entire event and fund-raising campaign.

Reservations can be made with Mrs. Slavin, 251-7486 or Mrs. Cohen, 844-2545.

Local NCJW's to N.Y.C.

The 32nd National Convention of National Council of Jewish Women will be held from March 7-10 in New York City.

Leaders from NCJW sections throughout the country will attend the convention to elect national officers, to adopt national resolutions, and to attend workshops in areas of international, national, and local concern.

The highlight will be the presenta-

tion of NCJW's John F. Kennedy Award to vice president Walter F. Mondale. Joan Mondale will accept the award for her husband at the closing banquet.

The Indianapolis members attending are Carol Stein, president; Alice Schloss, Liz Domont, Susan Jacobs, and Linda Leary, vice president; Louise Kline, state public affairs chairperson; Caron Goldstein and Gladys Nisenbaum.

BBW to Auction Services, Prizes

A "Rent-A-Genie" auction is to be held at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 19 at the Martin Manor Clubhouse by the Menorah Chapter 924 of B'nai B'rith Women.

Items to be auctioned off include a weekend's vacation at an Indiana resort, dinner for two at Gallagher's in New York City, tickets for Broadway's The Wiz, a weekend in New Orleans' French Quarter, passes to Cypress Gardens, an autographed Pacer basketball, artwork, and numerous other prizes.

Members of the Menorah chapter are also offering to the highest bidder their services by giving bowling and guitar lessons, and making custom-ordered items.

A dinner will precede the auction. Morris Casuto, director of the

Anti-Defamation League, will conduct the auction.

Mrs. Gary Dubow is chairman of the event. Mrs. Richard Dworkin is in charge of hospitality. Mrs. Larry Selig, 253-9633, is accepting reservations.

JWF Seeks Teens

The internship committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation is accepting applications from young people over high school age to serve in one of the local JWF agencies this coming summer.

Applications must be received by Friday, Mar. 18. Those chosen will work full time from mid-May until early August to gain experience in the Jewish community and social service field. Interested students should call Carolyn Leeds at 637-2473.

June Herman is chairman of the JWF manpower committee and Robert Garelick is chairman of the internship committee.

JEA No-Ball

Tradition will be bent this year at the No-Ball event planned for the 62nd annual Purim Ball of the Jewish Educational Association Auxiliary. Because of inflationary costs, this year's No-Ball event will insure that all proceeds go directly toward school facilities and programs. Patrons and benefactors (minimum contribution of \$25.00) are urged to toast "LeHayyim" in the comfort of their homes, Saturday, March 5.

Prospective patrons were telephoned on Sunday, Feb. 27 by the telethon committee headed by Mrs. Norman Liebschutz and Mrs. Howard Bauman.

The "Magic Drawing" will be held at the Jewish Educational Association at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 5. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Edelstein and Mrs. Edwin Roger are in charge of the committee which is compiling the annual Purim Ball ad book. The book will be sent to all supporters after the drawing.

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The Bouquet of the Week, with our warmest wishes, goes to Hilda Ettinger and Thelma Kulwin, two grand ladies who will be honored at Hadassah's 41st annual Donor Luncheon on March 8.

Throughout their lives, Hilda and Thelma have been involved in all phases of Hadassah's activity and have guided and inspired the organization. They are the only two

honorary life board members of the Indianapolis chapter.

Both Hilda and Thelma have served as past presidents of the local chapter, and have held major positions on local and regional levels. Hilda has been a past president of the Illinois-Indiana region.

Presently Hilda is expansion chairman of the region, and Thelma is corresponding secretary.

Swinging Singles Start

Various activities have been planned for March by the Indianapolis Jewish Singles.

Pokeno Night will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 at Elsa Friedman's, 809 Lincolnwood Ave. The Purim Bash will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at Marten Manor Club House. For

reservations call Pam Blau, 291-4099 and Evie Guck, 255-2340. There will be a social evening with the music of Jimmy Mack at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Finally another mystery brunch has been scheduled for noon on Sunday, March 27. Bill Caplan, 253-3129, and Elsa Friedman, 255-3519 are taking reservations.

What Is National Conference of Christians and Jews?

The National Conference of Christians and Jews was founded in 1928 by Charles Evans Hughes, Newton D. Baker, S. Parker Cadman, Roger W. Straus, Carlton J.H. Hayes and other distinguished Americans.

It is a civic organization engaged in a nationwide program of intergroup education. It enlists all people of good will who without compromise of conscience or of their distinctive and important religious differences to work together to build better relationships among people of all religions, races and nationalities. It operates on a \$3.8 million annual budget, raised entirely by

personal and corporate contributions.

NCCJ'S PROGRAM is educational and follows a multiple approach at various levels to the intergroup situation in the community. It reaches millions of Americans annually by conducting programs with and through existing institutions and organizations of society.

NCCJ conducts "Rearing Children of Good Will" Institutes, varied to meet local community needs, but focused upon the important role of parents in teaching children attitudes suited to democratic living.

THE RELIGIOUS News Service

of the National Conference serves some 800 clients — daily newspapers and news magazines, the religious press of all faiths and radio and TV stations across the country — with daily domestic and foreign news reports, photos and special features. It is the world's only interreligious news agency.

Since 1941 NCCJ has cooperated with leading colleges and universities in all parts of the country in a summer Workshop Program. In a university setting teachers and community leaders spend two to six weeks together, sharing, exchanging and learning

Bill Siders

Charlotte and Bill Sider, 6451 Hoover Road, recently moved to Indianapolis from Yonkers, New York.

JCC Offers Bridge Classes

Bridge lessons will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 at the Jewish Community Center. The six sessions will be taught by Patty Sundstrom. Registration fees must be paid in advance. The fee for individual members is \$18.00 and \$27.00 for non-members and for couples \$30.00 and \$36.00.

York. The Siders moved here to be near their son, Norman and his family.

Bill is semi-retired. He graduated from City College in New York City. His hobbies include reading, theater, music, and spectator sports.

Charlotte has been an active member of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress. She enjoys knitting, theater and music. The Sider's other son, Michael, lives in the Bronx, N.Y.

We welcome the family to Indianapolis and hope their stay here will be a happy one.

What Is National Conference of Christians and Jews?

practical ways of meeting the problems which confront them in their communities.

NCCJ IS INCREASINGLY emphasizing its program of youth leaders. Conferences and institutes for high school youth

provide opportunities to discuss issues of deep concern to young people in the growing complexity of our society.

NCCJ's Program in Police-Community Relations brings together law enforcement officers and community leaders to achieve communication and understanding in every day situations. It includes an annual week-long National Institute at

Michigan State University and state and local institutes.

NCCJ INSTITUTES involving Labor, Management and Community Leaders help to create an understanding of mutual responsibility in crucial human relations problems.

NCCJ's Religious Freedom and Public Affairs Program provides an opportunity for Dialogue in the Community.

Bible Study At IHC

A Bible study discussion group will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24 at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Rabbi Jonathan Stein will lead the sessions on March 24, March 31, and April 14.

The series is sponsored by the temple sisterhood.

Sharon Cohen to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Cohen announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon and Steven Paul Kent. A May 14 wedding has been planned at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kent.

Miss Cohen graduated from Indiana University. Her fiancé graduated from Purdue University.

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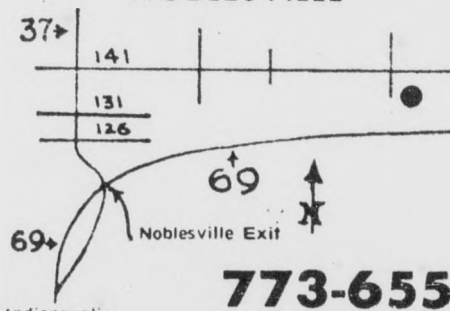
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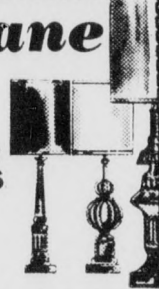


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New Names In Fracas Over Rights Of Breira

The split in the community over Breira's right to exist and freedom of the speech became even more heated as new names entered the list in response either to questions at interviews or as in the case of Albert Vorspan an article in the publication of the Reform Movement.

In almost every instance, Breira's right to freedom of speech was defended, although not always, and even Mr. Vorspan who saw Breira as a menace defended their right to present their case to the Jewish community.

THE STRONGEST POSITION came from Philip Klutznick, head of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, who in an interview with The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle took issue with threats made to members of Breira although the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was not mentioned. Klutznick termed such threats "thought-control" and said he abhorred "requests" which have been made that B'nai B'rith fire any employees or Hillel rabbis who may speak out for BREIRA or meet with PLO members.

The former president of B'nai B'rith, who served the United States as its representative to the United Nations, said that he was "literally frightened" by such attempts at thought control. "We have very fine people and we should respect their intelligence," he stated.

A contrary view came from Rabbi Judah Cahn, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, who lashed out against Breira, asserting that it "endangers Israel's security." He said that "free speech does not include the right to cry fire."

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Rabbi Cahn, who made his remarks in his acceptance speech on his reelection as head of the Board, said that "We appeal to B'nai B'rith to prevent the Breira members within its Hillel family from speaking as leaders of B'nai B'rith. In these cases, personal opinion and official positions cannot be separated."

VORSPAN took the position that "the main effect of a Jewish group like Breira can only be to put additional pressure and criticism on one side in the conflict: Israel. Such one-sided criticism is unfair, unproductive and extraordinary asymmetrical."

He then asked: "How can one balance with high-minded equanimity Israeli security policies with cold-blooded terrorism against innocent persons, worldwide boycotts, and campaigns of international anti-Semitism conducted in the United Nations and orchestrated throughout the Arab world

against Israel and the Jewish people." He said these were his reasons for not joining Breira, and stated that many of his friends and colleagues, whose opinions he valued, were members of Breira.

Strong support for Breira's right to speak out came also from a former president of the Reform rabbinate, Rabbi David Polish. In an article in The Jewish Week, he said, "We have nothing to fear from divergent views. We have much to fear from the development of a climate in which dissenters become targets for personal re-creation and attacks on their Zionist loyalty."

Kremlin Cannot Stall On Dissident Decision

MOSCOW— Most observers feel that the Kremlin will be faced with making a decision soon on the dissidents, which of course includes Jews who wish to emigrate, as a rising chorus of criticism not only from the west but also from iron curtain countries and from Communist parties in the west offered the Soviet leadership little hope for an out.

Up until now the Soviet Union has increased its repressive measures against the dissidents, but it must seem clear to Russian leaders that it is fighting a losing battle, and some other solution must be found.

SUCH A SOLUTION was to permit some 35,000 Jews to emigrate for several years in the hopes that this would relieve the pressure from below and siphon off the most militant Jews. It turned out not to be so.

Now that Russia knows that President Carter does not intend to be dissuaded from speaking out and acting in behalf of Russian dissidents, its situation is that much worse.

The appeal of 163 leading refuseniks, Jews refused visas on obvious pretenses is a sign that there is no lack of courage among Soviet Jews and that they feel strengthened by similar protests outside of Russia. Another incident found 150 Jews in 12 Soviet cities staging sit-in demonstrations at their local legislatures demanding explanations in writing for being refused permission to emigrate.

THE NEXT STEP is up to the Kremlin, and observers wonder just what it will be this late date after Helsinki.

Yadlin Sentence Already Old News

TEL AVIV— The Asher Yadlin issue quickly dropped to the inner pages of the Israeli press as he was sentenced to five years after pleading guilty to several counts of bribery, fraud and embezzlement.

He was fined an additional 250,000 Israel pounds. The accusations he made against some of the top leadership in Israel also seemed hardly more than an echo this week.

Boycott Law Necessary, NY Times Tells Nolte

NEW YORK— In repudiating the arguments of Richard Nolte, the former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt who opposes any U.S. boycott legislation because he felt the Arabs should be rewarded for their

cooperation with the United States (P-O, Feb. 25). The New York Times called editorially for "some form of anti-boycott legislation" which it said "is clearly needed to protect the constitutional rights of

American citizens..."

The Times had printed the long Nolte article on its opposite editorial page.

"Secondary and tertiary boycotts force American businesses to be-

come the instruments of the foreign policies of other nations. They are wrong and they should be illegal," the newspaper stated.

The Times also answered Nolte's point that the Arabs, the Saudis

especially, would take offense. "If America's new friends in the Arab world are truly gaining in sophistication and moderation, they will respect both our intent and our clarity."

Breira's Israel Action Very Strongly Zionist

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P-O)— The controversy over Breira continued to make news this week as their first conference ended with a resolution that would meet the most demands of the most fervid Zionist.

The conference also brought out the financing of the organization, which was considerable, especially from one source—the Rubin Foundation which supplied \$100,000 on a matching grant. Breira also announced ambitious plans for expansion, including the hiring of regional staff and presumably the establishment of regional offices.

As to Nahum Goldmann and his financial support of Breira, it became clear that in one way or another this was factual. Whether that support is recent and continu-

ing could not be learned, as well as whether it came from the coffers of the World Jewish Congress or was a personal contribution.

Among the five resolutions passed at the conference, the one is Israel almost could have been written by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It read in part, "We call on...Arab countries to publicly acknowledge and confirm...indications and further to clarify that they recognize Israel's right to exist as a sovereign state within secure borders. Such recognition is essential to the success of peace negotiations. In the case of the PLO, this would mean an amendment to the Palestine National Covenant removing those clauses which call for the dismantling of Israel and also would include renunciation of terrorism."

Matzoh Ban Can Hurt USSR

NEW YORK— The Soviet Union has risked another black eye in the view of the world as it has banned shipment of matzoh from the west to Russian Jews. Matzoh will be

baked in Russia's three large cities, but Jews in other communities will not be able to receive the large shipments which Jewish organiza-

tions and others traditionally send to Russian Jewish families.

All facets of the American Jewish community, not only organizations like the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, have combined to protest the ban, which will affect many tons of matzoh shipments already en route, which will now rot or be destroyed by Russia.

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Feminists Demand Rape Be Taken Seriously

JERUSALEM— Irate because police took four hours to respond to a complaint that a rape had been attempted in a city park, a dozen women demonstrated at police headquarters demanding that police take rape seriously.

THE FEMINISTS asked for a meeting with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and Justice Minister Haim Zadok, but were disappointed. They had a series of demands, which if they didn't get to the bigwigs, did get to the press, and which included:

- that police answer calls about rape immediately.
- that a social worker or psychologist be on hand in the police station to help comfort the victim;
- that investigation, which includes intimate details, be carried out by a policewoman;
- if a medical examination is required, that police take the woman to a doctor, accompanied by a policewoman;

•that the woman's testimony be admissible evidence;

•that the crime of rape be regarded in all its seriousness, and sentences given accordingly.

A LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED at the demonstration said the group hoped changes in police and legal procedure would encourage more women to report cases of rape and attempted rape. They now hesitate to do so because in many cases the woman is accused of "wanting to be raped," and in the process of the investigation, is seen as the perpetrator rather than the victim of the crime.

"Meanwhile, the various attackers go free," the charge concluded.

The event that sparked the demonstration was the attempted rape of a woman in Sacher Park at 2:30 p.m. The woman claimed that handling of the case reflected prevailing attitudes in Israel.

The victim, who was at the demonstration, said she had managed to shake off her attacker, run home and call the police. They reportedly said it would take them "three-quarters of an hour to get there" since they had certain priorities." About two hours later, the police called and asked if she still wanted them to come. When she said she did, they came—two hours after that.

ACCORDING TO HER STORY, one officer said on arrival that they had meanwhile been notified of (her quote) "a serious case of rape—against a nine-year-old boy. Rape of a woman is understandable, but a boy...!" The rape of the boy took place at the same location, allegedly by the same person.

Had the police responded to her call immediately, the woman maintained, the rape of the boy might have been avoided.

JNF Trusts Pay As High As 19%

LOS ANGELES— Reporting \$10 million in the annuity trusts of the Jewish National Fund, Ben Swig, its west coast president, said that the western states and most especially California now lead the nation in the number of such trusts and the dollar volume invested.

The trusts eventually benefit the land reclamation work of the JNF, and pay rates as high as 19.75 per cent, depending on the age of those

making the investment. They are especially attractive to those over 65, since rates are based on age. Second Novel on NBC

NEW YORK— The second dramatization of a Chaim Potok novel will be heard on The Eternal Light over NBC Sunday, March 6. The adaptation is by Shimon Wincelberg, whose recent adaptation of "The Chosen" brought the largest amount of mail in the program's history.

Passion Play Is Cleansed

OBERAMMERGAU, Germany— After all these years of protests, it seems likely that the Passion Play will be divested of its anti-Semitism. It has been decided to use the 1750 version of Father Fernand Rosner instead of the one by Father Alois Daisenberger which has aroused so much protest because of its blatant anti-Semitic references.

Letter To FBI Reveals

ADL Urged Rosenbergs Be Convicted, Says Perlin

SAN FRANCISCO— That the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith wrote a letter to the FBI in July of 1953, urging that the Rosenbergs be convicted, was revealed here by attorney Marshall Perlin who has been seeking reopening of the case.

Perlin told The San Francisco Jewish Bulletin that the letters also call for something to "be done" about Rosenberg defense attorney the late Emanuel Bloch for his "unpatriotic" comments during the trial. They also urged that the

presiding Judge Julius Kaufman "get the praise and support he deserves."

The letters were among 3,000 FBI documents obtained by Perlin from the FBI under the 1974 Freedom of Information Act, according to Perlin.

Perlin told Phil Bronstein of The Jewish Bulletin that even the limited files he has obtained contains startling revelations which refute the key evidence that convicted the Rosenbergs.

By Robert Cohn

Jewish Press Lambasted For Independence Lack

WASHINGTON— One of the most outspoken criticisms of the American Jewish press came from the president of the American Jewish Press Association as he asserted that on the subject of Israel it generally adhered to the policy of after-the-fact endorsement of the decision of the ruling coalition (in Israel) to an even great extent than the Jerusalem Post.

Robert Cohn, publisher of the St. Louis Jewish Light, which is owned by the federation, was just as critical of the Jewish Establishment, if not more so.

"IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE," he told the Breira conference here "but some of the very same Jewish leaders who express outrage at the controlled press in Moscow or Peking and who defend the rights of publishers in the general press in America, are content with a Jewish press which is even less free to comment on controversy than the Peking Peoples Daily."

He then stabbed hard at the reaction by the Jewish Establishment to Breira when he said that the "over-reaction of the Jewish establishment to the existence and activities of Breira is akin to using an elephant gun against a flea."

CONTINUING, he stated, "It is not up to the American Jewish community from afar to dictate terms to those who have to face Arab bullets" and Arab propaganda, "but there is no reason why the pages of our newspapers as well as our magazines cannot deal with the various options which might be available to Israel as it seeks the long-awaited peace with its Arab neighbors."

Cohn said that his interpretation of what Breira set out to accomplish was "to provide a forum for the intelligent discussion of alternatives." He added that he does "not question either the sincerity or Jewish loyalty of Breira members."

Shift In Parties Seen In Rabin Win

JERUSALEM— There is already talk of possible mergers of Israel's some 20 political parties in the wake of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's narrow victory over Defense Minister Shimon Peres in the Mapai party's vote for heading its ticket in the May 17 election.

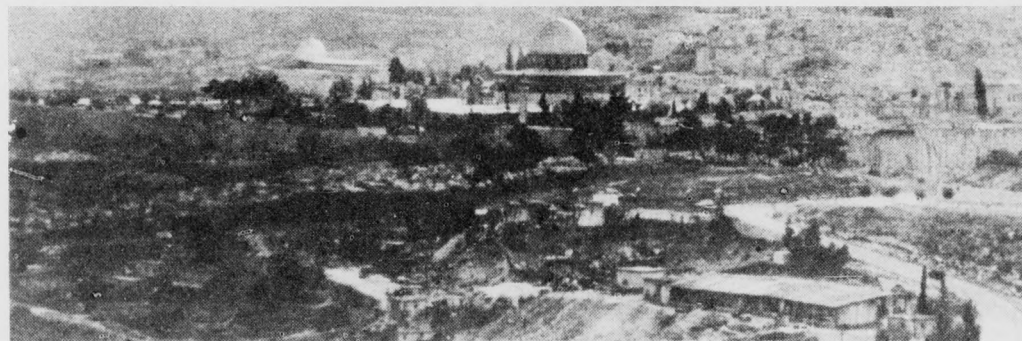
All the talk this week was of Rabin's narrow squeak, despite the

support of Golda Meir and the old-time stalwarts, not to mention the fact that he was the incumbent.

The Likud party and others took advantage of the situation to advance their own causes—each praising the loser Peres as the better leader and his defeat sure to disaffect many voters.

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Also Has Idea For Secret Israel-Diaspora

Visit To Sadat By Jews Scored By B'nai B'rith Head

TEL AVIV— Another suggestion for Israeli-diaspora relations has been made, this one by the president of B'nai B'rith.

David Blumberg has recommended constituting a secret group that will formulate policies affecting international issues. He said it would be like the Jewish Agency, but different in that the Agency is concerned with money.

EXPRESSING UNHAPPINESS

over the current state of consultations between the two Jewries and "alarmed" as The Jerusalem Post reporter Mark Segal described it, "at the attempts by some diaspora leaders to conduct a parallel foreign policy to that of Israel, Blumberg said he will submit his proposals to the executive bodies of the B'nai B'rith. His plan calls for meetings "in secret and without undue publicity," and he felt that such a forum would have the government's ear and be "truly representative of world Jewry."

Without naming Philip Klutznick, a former B'nai B'rith president who now heads the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, Blumberg said he is opposed to the idea of diaspora leaders going on trips to Cairo as part of a bid to push a parallel Jewish foreign policy. Klutznick and Rabbi Alexander Schindler and two other

world Jewish leaders are still awaiting definite word from President Sadat on a visit which has been sought by Egypt.

"UNDER THE PRESENT circumstances the arrival of such a Jewish delegation in Cairo would only be

useful for Arab propaganda," said Blumberg.

Although he was not invited to be part of the delegation that will visit Sadat, Blumberg volunteered that "If I was asked to go, I would most definitely refuse."

Final Entebbe Movie Praised

TEL AVIV— For those who have not had their fill of movies on the Entebbe Raid, they can now expect the full and expert treatment of the startling episode at the Uganda airport in a movie which has won plaudits of critics. "Operation Thunderbolt" opened here, and immediately was dubbed one of the

best films made in Israel to date.

The producer and director is Menheam Golan. The film was the official Israeli version of the daring

episode which saved the lives of 103 Jewish hostages in the terrorist hijacking of the French airliner from Athens.



Ill Syrian Girl To Get Treatment

DETROIT— Funds are being sought here to enable a three-year-old Syrian Jewish girl to receive medical attention for deteriorating eyesight and faulty hearing. According to The Detroit Jewish Chronicle, permission has been given the girl's father to bring his daughter to Detroit where the girl's uncle now lives.

Funds are being solicited to defray the expenses of the long trip and the medical attention by Cong. Beth Shalom here.

Porno Booklets Are Confiscated

HIAFAI— The continuous battle between customs authorities and sailors who hope to reap huge rewards by circuiting payment of duties or otherwise bringing in contraband had the custom police winning one fight as 1000 expensive pornographic booklets were confiscated aboard a ZIM ship. In color, the booklets would have brought 100 Israel pounds when sold surreptitiously.

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Refusing To Convert Deaf-Mute Indefensible

By RABBI AARON BLUMENTHAL

Once again the Israeli Rabbinate embarrasses itself by failure to comprehend the dynamic qualities inherent in the halachah.

A report from Tel Aviv (P.O. Feb. 25) informs us that, "A Rabbinical court has ruled that a deaf-mute woman may not be converted to Judaism because she cannot understand the principles of the religion. Two of three judges hearing the case cited a rule saying deaf-mutes are like persons not in full possession of their faculties, 'and hence are incapable of undertaking to observe the commandments.' Rabbi Shlomo Deichovski, the dissenting judge, said, 'modern advance in sign language and lip-reading should be taken into account and a person who can make himself understood should be regarded as in complete possession of his senses'."

THE BIBLE has no laws about deaf-mutes except for the ethical injunction "Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind." (Lev. 19:14). This text was elaborated beautifully by the rabbis forming an impressive cornerstone of their halachic and ethical teachings. All the laws concerning deaf, mute and deaf-mute people originate in the rabbinic period. Usually they are coupled with idiots and minors as people who lack understanding. This exempts them from the duty to perform many religious commandments. They also are forbidden to serve as witnesses because of their incompetence. If their animals injure people, they are not held accountable because they are not capable of caring for their cattle.

THE OBVIOUS QUESTION is whether their legal disability is derived from their deaf-mutism, which cannot be corrected, or from their inability to understand which can be rectified. Even a casual reading of the sources indicates that the halachah bases the handi-

cap upon the failure to appreciate what is happening to and about them. Repeatedly the Talmud explains a halachic disability of the deaf-mute with the phrase "because they lack comprehension."

Moreover, the halachah is vigorous in its determination to enable the deaf-mute to function normally in society. As a "know-nothing" he is unable to acquire property, therefore whatever he finds cannot belong to him. One may take it away from him legally. However, the Mishnah says, "To take anything away from a deaf-mute, an idiot or a minor is reckoned as a kind of robbery, in the interests of peace." Rabbi Jose says, "It is actual robbery."

This special protection of the deaf-mute is only one of many modifications of the halachah made "in the interests of peace." Ther logic of the law may require a particular conclusion, but the maintenance of a civilized society often supercedes the strict enforcement of the law.

THOUGH THE DEAF-MUTE cannot recite the marriage formula to betroth a wife, the rabbis permit him both to marry and to divorce by nodding his head or moving his lips. Nobody else can do that but the halachah is humane and provides this exception for his sake.

I once had the high privilege of

meeting the late Helen Keller. She "addressed" a full auditorium of wounded and handicapped American soldiers at a hospital where I was stationed. She was magnificent. Anyone who still believes that deaf-mutes in these days lack the power to communicate or to inspire others belongs in one of the other two categories with which the halachah unhappily couples them.

This is not a matter of Orthodoxy, Conservatism or Reform. It is simply a sad lack of intelligence in evaluating the original intent of the

halachah, and its application in the contemporary world.

THERE IS AN OLD and impossible story told about the teacher who was reading to his class from the Bible. "And Noah's wife was (then turning the page he continued) 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high." That puzzled him and he patiently re-read it with the same results. "Well," he concluded, "if the Bible says so, it must be so."

Could this apocryphal teacher have been educated by the Tel Aviv Rabbinate?

FEDERATIONS BLAMED BUT SYNAGOGUE ALSO

CHICAGO—A Chicago rabbi who has spoken out courageously against the Jewish Establishment has returned to the battle, but this time with the aid of his lay movement.

Rabbi Samuel H. Dresner charged that federations are more generous in their support of basketball and yoga lessons than they are of Jewish education. He said that most federation-supported hospitals display Christmas trees as well as Hanukkah menorahs, sometimes ignoring the Jewish holiday altogether.

HIS CRITICISM was included in an article, "Agenda for American Jews: Federation and Synagogue," distributed by the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of the Conservative movement.

Dresner did not absolve the synagogue for bending to secular influence and loss of spiritual purpose, and called on both to acknowledge each other as partners in the Jewish community, the federation by affirming a religious definition of the Jewish people and designating a significant role in their deliberations to the local religious leadership and the synagogue by accepting the federation as the central administrative agency of the Jewish community.

He asserted that American Jews in their attempt to assimilate into the general society somewhere

along the way lost what was unique to them. He said the federations and to a lesser extent the synagogue have contributed to our malaise.

THE FEDERATIONS, he said, arrogate to themselves the central position in the Jewish community, thus largely ignoring the religious dimension in Jewish life, thus relegating the synagogue to a "sub-communal" status. He called this an abuse of power, and pointed out that the synagogue is "the repository of the values for which federation labors."

He proposed an eight-point declaration of interdependence, leading to a kehilla kedosha in America.

1. Local Federation-Synagogue Relations Committees should be formed;
2. Authenticate Federation. Words like Judaism, God and Torah ought to become part of the Federation vocabulary;
3. Rabbis should play a more important role in Federation;
4. All programs should be re-evaluated to assure that they serve a Jewish need, or foster a Jewish value or ideal;
5. All Jewish education should be communally supported and decentralized. This would have the effect of Jewish education which would be free to parents but would allow their children to attend the schools of their choice.
6. Re-establishment of the Hevrah Kadisha, with the rabbinate and the Federations assuming full responsibility for funerals and burials;
7. Creation of a Jewish social service, with volunteers of all ages who would be imbued with the spirit of mitzvah as a guiding motivation for their work;
8. Each Federation-sponsored agency should examine the extent to which Judaism informs the orientation of its workers.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS


Prof. Saul Lieberman Finally Consents

It was the closest thing to a VALENTINE'S DAY tribute that Judaism will ever get that Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Starlight Room of the Waldorf Astoria when Histadrut Ivrit of America, marking 50 years on the Jewish scene tendered its dinner in honor of **Prof. Saul Lieberman**, Jewish Theological Seminary scholar. More than 600 guests, the largest ever gathered for its annual functions, turned out to give their hearts to this humble, simple and great scholar. Lieberman, meanwhile, gave his heart to HI by revealing that "this was the first time that I would allow myself to be the guest of honor...and only for love of Ivrit...**Elie Wiesel**, guest speaker, delivered his entire talk in Hebrew, and a personal one at

Lieberman Hebrew, and a personal one at that, recalling moments in Israel with Lieberman. **Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz**, president was the only one who allowed practicality to intrude on the sentimental scene. "Isn't it ashamed that I must 'shnor' for funds. "More than \$100,000 was raised at the fete. Among the guest, **Dr. Robert Gordis**, **Rabbi Wolfe Kelman**, **Dr. Gerson Cohen**, **Rabbi Mordechai Waxman**, **Rabbi Seymour Siegel**. **Rabbi Myron Fenster** was chairman.

Dinitz, The Family Man

It was one of those rare occasions when the guest of honor at a organizational testimonial brings not only his wife but his three children. Thus Israeli Ambassador **Simcha Dinitz** waltzed in to the Bnai Zion dinner at the NY Hilton where he was to receive the America-Israel Friendship Medal with wife, **Vivian**, and daughters **Doritt** (21) and **Tamar** (20) (who now attend Georgetown University) and son **Michael**, (14), a pupil at a Washington Day School. Dad and mom were on the dais and the Dinitz youth seated with the Rabbi Wm. Berkowitz clan: Perry, 26, Adena 17, and Leah 13.



Dinitz



5 Women Head Synagogues

Without fuss or fanfare, and while many of the Conservative congregations are debating whether or not there's a place for women on the bimah, **Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein** notes that five of the 50 Conservative congregations comprising the Delaware Valley Region of the United Synagogue of America now have women as congregational presidents. Rabbi Epstein is executive director of the Delaware Valley Region. **Mrs. Selma Kleiner** is the newest member of the distaff staff to attain the highest lay position in a synagogue. She was just elected president of Beth Kehillah Community Synagogue in Atlantic City, N.J. Others serving their first terms this year are **Mrs. Boris Gutbezah**, Beth El, Levittown, Pa.; **Mrs. Albert Soffa**, Nes Ami, Penn Valley, Pa.; and **Mrs. Ann Kreloff**, Beth Israel, Woodbury, N.J. The fifth female president comes to the region with the newly-formed Ohev Shalom in suburban Bucks County, Pa. **Mrs. Freddie Lisgar** is the founding president of the Conservative congregation.

The Rural Chavurah

The idea of a rural chavurah which would return to the land is the brainchild of **Shel Gloger**, who placed the following ad in Mother Earth magazine. "I yearn for a rural U.S. cooperative community with a Jewish soul and am seeking like-minded Jews. I offer to reproduce each reply and remain it to all other correspondents, so forming a 'peoplepool' from which something can happen." Gloger told **Peggy A. Isaach** of the San Francisco Jewish Bulletin that he and other members of Rural Chavurah are trying to find the right place to farm. The members are people of all ages, running from a 20-year-old North Dakotan to a 70-year-old woman in Arizona. Gloger believes that "three per cent of U.S. Jews would probably like to live on farms, much like the three per cent of Israelis who live on kibbutzim.

The L.A. Symphony Players

When two members of the Lost Angeles Philharmonic which was in Sofia, Bulgaria, for a concert, decided to look for the synagogue, they found it in disrepair although it was an imposing structure. **Murray Schwartz** and **Bill Torello** could hardly pass through the loose-hanging gate of the fence surrounding the Moorish structure with a large dome, but once inside found the shamus, with whom they could not converse because he spoke only Spanish and Bulgarian. The next day they returned with the husband of one of the symphony players, **Joe Epstein**, who spoke Spanish. The result of the conversation was that the orchestra raised 350 leva as a contribution to the synagogue, which they presented to the president, Prof. **Dr. Salvator Israel**, who they discovered had by coincicende a sister living in North Hollywood.

Israel's New Star Actress

The first legitimate Israeli film star is now on the horizon as **Miki Kam's** debut in the Israeli-made movie, "Movie and Breakfast" has



—Jerusalem Post photo

BASKETBAL FEVER— When the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball five trounced the vaunted Russian team in Belgium, Israel went wild, and the photo shows none other than Mrs. Ephraim Katzir, wife of Israel's president, presenting a basketball and hoop to the team's Motti Arouesti when the plane bringing the squad back to Israel landed at Ben Gurion airport. Fireworks lit up the sky and fans broke through police barricades to almost mob the players. The celebration in Kikar (square) Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv exceeded anything seen before in Israel. Captain of the team is Tal Brody, former University of Illinois star.

earned rousing tributes from critics. Produced by the husband and wife team, **Alan and Ellaine Flan**, who recently decided to settle in Israel, the comedy found critic **Sophie Kah** using superlatives in The Jerusalem Post: "Miki Kam has hit the star-starved Israeli screen with the impact of a desert sand storm. To those with ears to the ground and their eyes on the box office, it is clear that she has the potential of flamboyant stardom." Beside being a natural comedienne, she sings and dances. A Sabra, she was born in kibbutz Menara and became an overnight celebrity when she was chosen as mistress of ceremonies and singer for the Independence Day Song Festival.

With The Rabbis

Rabbi Carl Klein was welcomed as the new spiritual leader of the Hallandale (Fla.) Jewish Center at a banquet recently...Congregation Ahavas Achim, Jersey City, N.J. has elected **Rabbi Abraham Pronman**, Congregation B'nai Israel of Edenwald, Bronx, to its pulpit.

Sermon Of The Week

Orthodoxy and Authenticity: Are They Synonymous?—Rabbi Simmon J. Maslin, Kehilath Anshe Maariv—Isaiah Israel Congregation, Chicago.

Quotation Of The Week

We are so busy, we put our minds to sleep. Coming and going and performing our day long chores that make insistent demands upon us, we put our minds on a shelf, something to get back to when we have time. Automated man is as soulless as the machine. We quiet the murmurings of the mind by whispering to ourselves, "I have to take care of my children, I have to keep my house in order, I just have to have an evening for recreation with the boys or girls—tennis, bowling, skating, cards, etc." Thus, running to and fro, doing this and that, keeping busy, a life is consumed from cradle to the grave. And the mind still rests upon the shelf, and we push it back whenever it edges forward and is about to intrude into our lives.

Then in the middle and later years, people are driven to ask, "What's it all about?" This is the question we should be asking ourselves regularly in the planning years and when life is at hightide, and when we are overwhelmed with the sense of busyness. If we start with "What's it all about?" in a quiet corner, in a quiet hour, we would also ask, "Where am I going and why? What is the quality of what I am doing? What do I really treasure most and what do I do about it? What do I want out of life and how am I going about it? Who am I under this facade and behind this voice, and exactly what do all these people around me mean to me, and what do I mean to them—husband, wife, children, parents, friends, associates?" —Rabbi Armond Cohen, Park Synagogue, Cleveland.

ISRAELOG

Bernstein stars at Passover Music Festival. Ein Gev, a kibbutz on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, is the site of Israel's annual Passover Music Festival. This year's festival is Ein Gev's 34th. It will take place April 4 to 9.

Leonard Bernstein will conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra playing Beethoven and some of his own works. **Lukas Foss** will conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, with **Lorin Hollander** as soloist. Other concerts feature the famous **Bat Dor Dance Company**, the **Gevathron Choir**, and "Music in the Kibbutz".

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Israel-Diaspora Relations

The editorial call of The Jewish Chronicle of London for establishing a "line of communication..." between the diaspora and Israel "to avoid 'a damaging collision'" fails to understand the actual condition.

As it is, at least up until now, the Israelis have called the tune and demanded that the diaspora follow. For most of the years since 1948 that was as it should be because all the strength was on one side-Israel's. There was considerable question, based on sound judgement, as to Israel's stability through the first years of the state, and the job of the entire Jewish world was to bring the baby to maturity.

Then too, the diaspora, at least in America, was in a bad state of disarray.

Under these conditions, no process of communication could be successful. What needs to be done now is for Israeli leaders to accept that in almost all areas except that of Israel's security, there is a partnership between Israel and the diaspora. Once this condition is accepted, it should not be too difficult to arrange a modus vivendi for exchanging views and arriving at conclusions.

It is not too easy for Israel to come to the point where she accepts that the diaspora not only in Israel's strongest arm of support but cannot overlook its own problems and can have views and needs that are sometimes completely different from those of Israel.

The diaspora must not allow her actions to be dictated any longer from Jerusalem. Time was that the decision was made in Israel, transmitted to the Jewish leadership in the United States, and forth-with implemented without any discussion by American Jewry. That day has gone, but Israel is slow in recognizing it.

A Kosher Consumer Council

Our suggestion for a national Kosher Consumer Council to supervise price structures has fallen on deaf ears.

We have a letter from a Reform rabbi who is offering to serve on such a council, but otherwise the silence has been deafening. This is face of the fact that the higher prices of kosher food is a definite factor in the decision of many families as to whether or not to keep a kosher home.

News about kosher items appear in an number of bulletins of Orthodox congregations that we read, and an excellent column about kosher items is published in the American Jewish World of Minneapolis. Such a Kosher Consumer Council exists in Canada under the aegis of the Canadian Jewish Congress, but there is no counterpart in the United States.

The logical group to sponsor such a Council is the Rabbinical Council of America or its lay group, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The "U" symbol which is the most widely used designation of supervision of kashrut for hundreds—yes thousands—of kosher items available in stores throughout the country is their project. This is a fine example of bringing order out of what used to be a chaotic situation where individual rabbis would provide supervision, sometimes lax, sometimes leading to various unethical situations.

Now it might seem working at cross purposes for the RCA or the UOJCA to undertake an organization which would look into pricing of kosher products, but if there is a need, then these two bodies or some Orthodox organization have an obligation to act.

If competition is the answer to the high prices of kosher products, it could even be that the UOJCA would facilitate the establishment of communal kosher markets. There may be any number of other ideas. It behooves our national groups to act. They cannot dodge the challenge.

Lowy Library Given To Canada

MONTREAL—One of the most important Jewish libraries in private hands in America, variously estimated to be worth \$2 million, has been presented to the National Library of Canada by Jacob M. Lowy. Lowy is a past president of the United Israel Appeal and of the Allied Jewish Community Services

of Montreal. The collection includes 1560 titles consisting of 1727 volumes of Hebrew incunabula, Latin incunabula, very rare bibles, Talmud editions and codes, very rare liturgy, a Flavius Josephus collection and extremely rare Hebrew books from the 16th to the 19th centuries.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR

The letter from Dr. Banner of the Freedom of The Press page documenting assertions by Arthur Waskow which he considers complete proof against our position that Arthur is a devout and conscientious Jew to the fullest extent shows, from our standpoint, an ignorance of the radical approach to Jewish and general conditions.

We have never met Arthur Waskow, but what his views were six or seven years ago, or even what they are today, would not cause us to ring the panic button. We would consider them, perhaps challenge or refute them, but we would think in terms of the criticism at the time of the rabbis who marched at Selma, Ala. or were jailed in St. Augustine, Fla., or were driven from their pulpits in the South because of their beliefs. Or of the attempt by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to silence the rabbis who are members of Breira.

While we do not like what Arthur says, we weigh against it that he has fathered the Fabrangen in Washington and has sought to make real once again the content of the prophetic ideals. And our decision is to accept Arthur for what he is.

But more on what we are trying to get across.

When our second eldest daughter was an undergraduate at the University of Chicago and we had occasion to make a trip there one day, the place where we were to meet was in one of the lounges in a building on the campus. She would be attending one of the meetings of the Students for a Democratic Society, of which she was a member of the executive, we arrived while the meeting was in progress, and the discussion was on the plans for takeover of Marshall Fields, the large department store. Today, such plans by students would be considered unthinkable.

The last thing we need in the Jewish community is red-baiting, although here it would not be on grounds of Communist-sympathy or membership, but on views which shock the Jewish Establishment.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO FAULT THE Government of Israel Investment Authority for gloating over the decline in Israel's balance of payments deficit by 20 per cent last year over 1975, plus the increase in exports over the same period by more than 26 per cent. These are impressive achievements which herald the day when Israel will export as much as she imports.

Yet in the news release, the Authority fails to record what the imbalance of imports over exports is.

Any economic advance by Israel is to be welcomed, but we have often pointed out here that percentages are usually deceptive. They indicate a trend, and trends are important, but they cannot be weighed intelligently without the actual figures on which they are based.

The Jerusalem Post states that the increase in exports last year was 15 per cent. It also gave the balance of payments figure for 1976 \$3.3 billion the wrong way.

While the United Jewish Appeal cannot be faulted for its regional conference of small Illinois

Jewish communities, the accusation is valid against our other national agencies, especially our religious bodies, for the way in which they ignore the needs of Jews who live in the hundreds of cities of this size.

The UJA pursues its own goals, which of course it should. But little attention is paid to small town Jews by our national Jewish organizations. A case in point is the circuit-riding system which has operated for two decades already in North Carolina, serving Jews in isolated communities, which has not been duplicated elsewhere and which has even been ignored by our religious bodies.

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds does the best job of providing for the needs of small Jewish communities with programs for them at its various general assemblies and elsewhere, but here the city must be large enough to have a federation and an executive director. This once again leaves the Jews in cities like Muncie, Ind., or Marion or Kokomo, just to name three in Indiana within a radius of only about 25 miles, to fend for themselves.

In many cases, the Jewish seminaries sent undergraduates to conduct services in these communities on what is called weekend pulpits, but to be accurate it must be stated that only a fraction of the small towns in America are thus served.

The Canadian Jewish Congress has lately begun to take steps to provide for the needs of small Jewish communities, but there are no such programs in the United States.

Could there not be a small-town department of all our national Jewish organizations, both lay and religious, and effort be made to do something in this area?

WHEN GEN (RES.) ARIEL SHARON told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he came to the United States to introduce his Shlomzion party to the American public, especially American Jews, he was saying something, but we don't know exactly what.

Could he be saying that he came here to raise funds from American Jews who feel that his new party has the right solution for Israel's problems, not to mention peace with her neighbors? Possibly. If so, he is only doing what the other political parties in Israel have been doing for years.

We of course could be wrong, and if so, we'll tell you that Shlomzion would negotiate with any Arabs, including the PLO, disapproves of more interim agreements such as those in the Sinai Peninsula and believes that an overall settlement should be pursued at this time. It hopes also that the Gush Emunim movement would support it, and would be willing to join a Likud coalition to form a new government after the election provided Likud would revise the electoral system.

In case you've forgotten who Gen. Sharon is, he was the leader who crossed the Suez with his troops and was within 55 miles of Cairo when the war ended, and in the process had surrounded the Egyptian Second Army cut off on the east bank of the Suez.

Arabs Cannot Agree On Geneva Lineup

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

After Secretary of State Vance's visit to the Middle East, there was the usual flurry of activity, and the Arab "peace offensive" was once more off and running.

But nothing else was. Oh, there were helpful hints from Egypt, many smiles from Arafat, even some soft spoken words from Saudi Arabia. They all combined to give the impression of progress where there is no progress. Look at the facts.

EGYPT AND SYRIA continue to

play their game of "good guy" and "bad guy," as if they were two policemen trying to break down a suspect. Saudi Arabia has pressured the reluctant OPEC to do her bidding as part of the blackmail of America. Hussein, whose devotion to America has now been translated into dollars (Doth Job love Thee for nought?) has still to meet face to face—with a straight face—with Arafat. That, of course, is the same Arafat whom he threw out of Jordan, and the same Arafat who has sworn eternal vengeance against the P.L.K. (Plucky Little King.)

In the Arab lexicon "eternal" has about the same meaning as "

permanent does for a woman having her hair done.

And all the time the word goes out that it is Israel's intransigence that delays progress toward peace. Israel, I grant you, is not all that excited about Geneva where the cards are really stacked.

NEVERTHELESS the real delay comes from the Arab world. Not because they want the delay. It is only because they still cannot agree on their line-up, and if they cannot decide who the players will be, no wonder the game is delayed.

Perhaps, along with the delay will come the realization that it is not a game at all, but a matter—most literally—of life and death.



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Oil Prospecting Uses All Scientific Methods

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

"There is no short term solution to the energy problem. Only conservation by the public can assure an adequate supply."



Krupnick

This was not the statement of Prime Minister Rabin nor even that of Israel's oil director, Dr. Dinstein, although it might well have been. This was the somber appraisal of U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter in his first fireside chat, viewed by hundreds of millions in the United States and throughout the world. A more frustrating statement to a nation shivering through the coldest winter in a century could not have been made. The effect was even more depressing upon other industrial nations shocked at this starkly frank admission by the world's most affluent nation of its failure to anticipate its own energy requirements or those of the industrial world dependent to a large degree upon American prosperity.

I PONDER OVER President Carter's statement and its far-reaching economic and political implications. I was particularly concerned about Israel's almost complete dependence upon the United States and through the United States upon other sources for its energy supply. With these disturbing thoughts in mind, I hastened to take advantage of a unique opportunity to visit the Institute of Petroleum Research and Geophysics in the Holon industrial area to get basic first-hand information on the minute and many-faceted preparatory efforts for oil prospecting in Israel.

My guides and informants were probably the best qualified experts, the Institute's director-general Zvi Ben Ari and his Data Processing Center director, Yehoshua

Folkman. The Institute traces its humble origins to an experimental project in the middle-fifties at the Department of Applied Mathematics of the Weizmann Institute. In 1964 it was enlarged and permanently established as the Geophysical Institute of Israel to serve oil and water exploration companies on a contract basis.

My principal interest lay in learning more about the Institute's activities in geophysics for exploration of oil, representing about 80% of the Institute's present efforts. Obviously the very many highly technical aspects of these operations are comprehensible only to experts in the field but even to a layman the complex scientific preparations for oil prospecting are truly fascinating.

WHILE MUCH OF THE WORK is routine and repetitive, we are informed that for the men in the field as well as for those in the laboratories, there is as much excitement and anticipation as for those performing the actual work of oil prospecting. The sophistication developed in the field and the introduction of data processing has enabled geologists to use a greater variety of methods in determining the possible existence of oil as well as to colate the experimental results quickly and accurately in order to pinpoint an area for extensive oil exploration.

By whichever of four methods or by all four in different stages of surveying, the geophysicists, the geologists, the technicians and computer operators seek to determine with accuracy, first, the possibility of creating or locating oil pockets in rock formations; second, the ascertainment of the fact that the oil pockets are trapped in a confined area and third, that the oil did not escape. In essence, this is the challenge that even with the most meticulous and supersophisticated methods, means and equipment, remains ever formidable—and for Israel to date, almost insurmountable.

FOLKMAN DESCRIBED to me in relatively simple terms

the various steps. The first involves surface geological surveys, the mapping of the terrain, the determination of the character of the rock formations, their structure, folding, faulting, their compression, their stratification and their sub-surface support. A more complicated survey is the sub-surface geophysics which generally produce more definitive results. Probing might reach a depth of six kilometers (almost four miles—the U.S. record is seven kilometers). Precision equipment in the field tests the anomalies in gravitation with a gravimeter where the gravity method is used. An even more complex survey procedure is the magnetic method wherein the magnetic field is measured to determine any separations from the normal field. A related procedure, the seismic method, involves explosions and the detection through seismometers of the vibrations. Here there may be involved the introduction of energy into the sub-surface rock formation.

After proper processing and increasing signal to noise ratios, the computers reconstruct the makeup and consistency of the sub-structure. The key factor is the degree of porosity of the rocks. If they are not porous there is definitely no oil present. If they are porous, then there may be a possibility of oil pockets sufficiently large to warrant exploration. All of the data is assembled, carefully classified and a complete scientific report of the entire survey operation is submitted to clients—the oil prospectors, who in their own good judgment determine the feasibility of oil explorations based on the scientific data and on the economic projections.

THE DESCRIPTION of the procedure in conducting oil surveys sounds so completely scientific and surefire that success should be the logical conclusion. Yet back on my mind lurks that nagging question, "If it's so sophisticated and so exact a science why have the results been so devastatingly meagre in Israel's oil prospecting?" (To be continued.)

Flashbacks In Jewish History

Jews Of Gaza And Napoleon

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

February 25, 1799— Napoleon's army captured the city of Gaza, and looting was universal.

The ancient Jewish community of Gaza which had gone through a prolonged period of decline was totally impoverished as a result of the French occupation. Ironically, Napoleon was

interested in wooing the Jews of Palestine in an effort to win their

support. On April 20, 1799, two months after the fall of Gaza, he issued a proclamation promising

the "reestablishment of ancient Jerusalem." However, he had no intention of curbing his soldiers. The army had to live off the land and looting was essential to its survival.



Rabbi Bloch

MANY JEWS, sorely oppressed by the Muslims, looked with favor upon Napoleon's invasion. This was particularly true of Cabalists who eagerly anticipated the "beginning of the redemption." A Jewish delegation is reported to have visited him after the capture of Jaffa on March 6, 1799. They informed Napoleon that their hopes

for a speedy arrival of the Messiah were linked to a French victory. Luckily, there were no Jews in Jaffa when that city fell to the French. Nearly all of its inhabitants, Muslims and Christians, were exterminated and the Turkish army which had surrendered following a promise of leniency was ruthlessly massacred in cold blood.

Gaza's Jewish community dated back to the period of the Second Temple. Its Jews engaged in farming, production of wine and trade with Egypt. The community

acquired great notoriety in the 17th century when Nathan, the self-proclaimed "prophet" of the pseudo-messiah Shabtai Zvi, made his home a center of world-wide Sabbatean agitation.

A 15th CENTURY TRAVELER took note of Gaza's beautiful synagogue. The synagogue was used by the Jews of Gaza until 1811 when the pauperized community abandoned their homes and moved to Hebron. Reluctant to leave the synagogue behind, the Jews removed its doors and affixed them to the Hebron synagogue. The doors remained intact until 1929 when the Arabs destroyed the synagogue and massacred the students of the yeshiva.

Gaza was resettled by Jews in 1860. The new community, numbering about 200 souls, was banished by the Turkish administration after the outbreak of World War I.

Your Name

By NORBERT PEARLROTH

Dear Mr. Pearlroth: I would be pleased to learn the meaning of my family name. My great grandfather lived in BOBRUISK which I believe is located in Russia near Odesa. Thank you. Yours truly, Donald Motzkin, Encino, Calif.



Pearlroth

Motzkin consists of two vocalized initials M-TZ pronounced Motz by Polish and Russian Jews and the terminal "...kin" meaning "son or descendant of." Motz stands for More Tzedek (a teacher of righteousness) a title accorded to a leading communal functionary, a rabbi. Motzkin therefore means "Son or descendant of the More Tzedek."

Dear Mr. Pearlroth: My husband's family name is BERNICK — in one branch, Bernicker. They come from Grodno Gubernia. I have never encountered this name anywhere else except in Ibsen's play "Pillars of Society." Please tell me the source and meaning of this name. Sincerely, Joan Bernick, Glencoe, Ill.

Bernik or Berniker is a family name of geographical origin. It is derived from the name of the village of Berniki where the family originated. Berniki is located in the district of Sokolka in the gubernia of Grodno in Poland. The "e" in the name is completely superfluous. The meaning of Berniki is "Geese."

Do you want to know what your name means? Send all queries to: Mr. Pearlroth, Jewish Post & Opinion, 101 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10003.)

Publisher Sees Leaders Taking Israel Orders

DETROIT— That American Jews should play a greater role in Israel internal affairs, especially the uses to which its funds are put, was stated by Philip Klutznick in his column, "Purely Commentary," in The Detroit Jewish News.

"Will American Jews be fully represented in Israel in matters involving the social services and the educational processes towards which some American dollars are devoted?" the publisher asks, and then adds:

"THOSE WHO DEMAND that a stronger American Jewish voice be heard in the conduct of the non-political aspects of Israel's life have a meritorious case. It should not be ignored."

After recalling the rift in the Zionist Organization of America when a splinter group formed the American Jewish League for Israel over the issue of interference in Israel's political affairs some 28 years ago, Slomovitz continues:

"There is no doubt that there was

justice in the political factor of their protest. Now the view is that American Jews are wrongfully evading the responsibility of taking a deep interest in Israel's internal

functions. There are many Israelis who say that those who provide the means to support the elderly in Israel, to supervise immigration—whatever is left of it, to finance the universities and to assist in other

functions must also have supervisory rights over those activities.

"IS THE JEWISH Agency shirking its duties in this regard? This is something that must be solved soon. When Leon Dulzin was defeated for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency and the dominant leadership of the Zionist movement by Uosef Almogi, there was serious concern about the attitude of the American leadership.

"They haven't stopped talking about it in Israel—that it was

Labor Party domination and that a tried public servant—Leon Dulzin—was sacrificed unnecessarily. Max Fisher and Charlotte Jacobson defended their preference. They still have much to explain for having accepted domination for the ruling Israel party without, as claimed, taking into consideration the proven ability of a man who had already held that office as a protom of officials for more than a year and in other capacities for some years."

Synagogue-Federation Cooperation Possible

By MYRON SCHOEN

There are signs that more dialogue is taking place between synagogues and federations around the country and that we may be proceeding from the talking stage to the area of action. Since the bottom line of synagogue-federation relations in funding, everyone interested in the subject should get a copy of the Fall 1976 issue of the "Journal Of Jewish Communal Service" and



Schoen

read the article by Ted Kanner titled "Federation and Synagogue — A New Partnership For A New Time."

KANNER is the executive director of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, one of the major Jewish communities on the North American continent and in a section of the country where the number of synagogues is still multiplying. While the title of the article could lead you to react with a "Here we go again," it begins with an important statement in italics: "...the way to deal with the issue of funding synagogue activities...is precisely to agree on specific projects and activities which meets the needs of the total Jewish community, which can be or should be conducted by the synagogue, and to have federation participate in the funding of specifically those activities with full accountability by the synagogue."

This brief statement does contain the vital elements that may enable reasonable people who have the concern of the totality of their Jewish community uppermost in their minds to work out a modus vivendi for synagogue-Federation relations. It should be possible to develop a list of "specific projects and activities" that individual Jewish communities deem essential at this particular time, a list that should be reviewed and revised at frequent intervals. It should be possible for reasonable people who are knowledgeable of the Jewish tradition and sensitive to the Jewish development in their area to determine "which can or should be conducted by the synagogue and to have the Federation participate in the funding of these programs."

ONE OF the stumbling blocks will be the phrase "full accountability by the synagogue," for the term "accountability" has developed ominous terms. In its simplest form "accountability" means answerable. In most dialogues that I have been privy to it has always seemed as if this accountability was a one-way street. The synagogue was accountable or would be to the federation leadership. Rarely have synagogue leaders asked that federation's leadership reciprocate and be accountable to the synagogue's leadership or membership.

Thus, one of the major efforts must be directed to an acceptable definition of the term "accountability."

In Los Angeles it is obvious that progress has been made and Kanner's article quotes from the general principles contained in the draft of guidelines developed by their Task Force on Synagogue Relations. While it acknowledges that federations and synagogues have different roles and their functions should not be confused it states: "One is not above the other or below the other. There is no question of dominance or superior/inferior relationship."

SECOND, it states that "The designation of the relationship in terms of secular versus religious is a false issue," and whether federations or synagogues are "central" is not a genuine problem. On the face this seems like a reasonable statement but at the grass roots I

fear that these differences still exist in peoples minds and that much work has to be done before we can overcome these beliefs.

The principles go on to distinguish between "the ritualistic, private activities of the synagogue performed for its members and communal or public programs in which it engages. Federation and synagogue activities tend to meet one another in the area of communal programs." It is good to find a public acknowledgement that synagogues do sponsor public and communal programs and do not merely serve their own membership.

HOPEFULLY the progress in Los Angeles will serve as a guide for synagogues and federations elsewhere to sit down and begin to work together for the common good of their respective Jewish communities.

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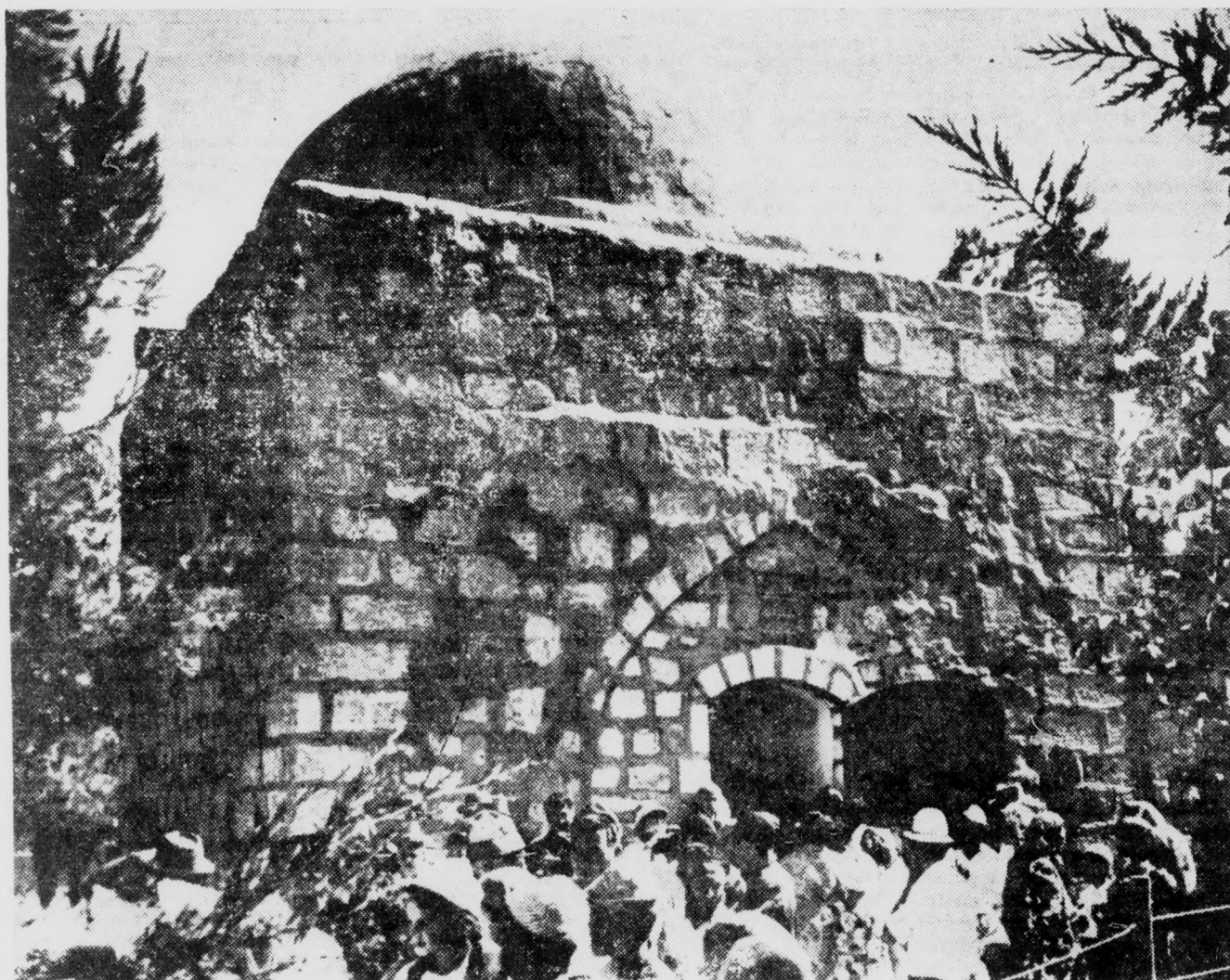
NEW YORK— Employing strong terms, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has challenged the National Council of Churches on its "record of insensitivity to urgent

Jewish concern," its "pronounced anti-Israel prejudice" and "lack of moral leadership in interreligious relations." The challenge came despite the recent step of the Council in seeing that Archbishop Valerian Trifa be removed from its board after charges that he participated in the mass murder of Jews in his native Rumania.

The ADL said it made a survey of NCC actions since 1973 which it felt were "disturbing" and listed its call for mutual cessation of shipment of arms by the United States and Russia to the Middle East at the time of the surprise attack on Israel in the Yom Kippur War, which would have left Israel defenseless; its sponsorship of the pro-Arab and anti-Israel publication, "Swasia"; its invitation to LeRoi Jones, a notorious anti-Semite, to address its 1972 convention despite Jewish protests; its pro-Arab seminars which regularly use books, films and periodicals hostile to Israel.

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Bellow, Koestler Are Not Jewish Writers

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Saul Bellow is often hailed as a Jewish writer. What's Jewish about him? He's intermarried. His fictional Jews show no appreciation for their faith. Even his book about Jerusalem is icily objective, less Zionist than the writings of some non-Jews like St. John and Gervasi. So he really should not be class-



Silver

ified as a Jewish writer since he does not react like someone inside the faith. Such is the view of David Adler, in "Doer Yiddishe Vort," a periodical of the Agudath Israel. And even more odious is Arthur Koestler, who is also often referred to as Jewish. Actually, even though he was born a Jew he is anti-Jewish, writes Adler. In his "The Thirteenth Tribe," he gives support to the Baroodys and the Arafats and the anti-Semites who have stated that the Jews of today are not the descendants of the Jews of Biblical days. Loestler is on record as saying he despises his faith. His book proves it, in Adler's eyes.

Boycott Wrong

A boycott against France is stupid and useless, says Joseph Friedensohn, in "The Jewish Word," a publication of the Agudath Israel. True, France acted abominable in the Ibn Dauod matter, but a boycott would only hurt the ordinary Frenchman, who is sympathetic with Israel. Boycotts have never helped, the writer asserts. Even the one against Hitler was ill-advised and actually harmed, rather than helped the Jews of Germany, declares Friedensohn.

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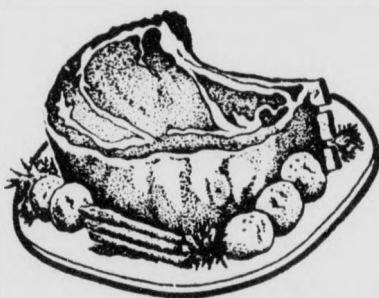
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The Militant Rabbi

A phenomenon in Israel is Rabbi Morris Levinger, the militant head of the Gush Amunim (Legion of the Faithful) group that insists that the Jews must have all of ancient Judea and Samaria, which is known as the West Bank. Levinger has openly defied the government and has declared that divine law is more important than civilian law. So even though courts have ruled against him he has defied the government. This behavior occasioned a special study by onetime Chief Justice Isaac Olshan who described Levinger's views in the newspaper, Maariv.

Who is Levinger? The son of a German psychiatrist who came to Israel from Germany with his eight children, all of them intellectuals. Married to an American beauty, Levinger got his religion from the teachings of the onetime chief rabbi, Abraham Kook, whose son backs him.

He is also a pupil of the tactics of Rabbi Meir Kahane. His health is not so good, but even so he forced the government to let him serve in the army. He led a group that settled in Hebron contrary to the wishes of the Israel government and now his thesis is that the divine mandate that the Jews should own all of Palestine cannot be trifled with. He and his wife run an open house, with guests arriving constantly to eat and lodge. Personally, he's very modest. (Z. Kamai, in the Kempfer)

The Lox Box

What Follows The Bagel

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

My wife is superstitious. For example, she does things like pull my ear if I sneeze while somebody's talking about a deceased person.



Moskovitz

And just to prove that fact, I opened a fortune cookie the other week and would you believe, that's what it said.

Anti-Semitism Erupts

MIAMI— Whether there were one or two signs on the truck at Dania, Fla. stating that "Jews Killed Christ" and "Now Kill Jews," the fact that the truck bearing Connecticut license parked

in front of a row of posh stores there mostly owned by Jews provoked considerable concern. The store owners engaged the two men in the truck in a verbal battle and although the shouting match caused a sensation, there were no

arrests because the truckers made no threats.

According to The Jewish Floridian, the ADL confirmed that there was only the sign that referred to deicide.

In another Florida anti-Semitic incident, a cross was burned at the construction site of the new Temple Emeth at Delray Beach. The ADL reported, according to the Floridian, that the entire community, Jewish and non-Jewish, was angered by the occurrence.

Silent Meditation Law In N.J.

TRENTON, N.J. (P-O)— By a vote of 61-5, the State Assembly passed a measure that would mandate a period of silent meditation before the start of each class day in every public school in New Jersey. Its sponsor said the bill does not represent a return of prayer in schools that was banned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

His bill is similar to a Massachusetts law that was upheld as constitutional by a federal court.

Support for the bill was accompanied by several lengthy statements by legislators that it did not go far enough. The few opponents saw the bill as a cloak toward efforts to reintroduce religion in the classroom.

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The Book POST

Reviewed by HAROLD U. RIBALOW

AUSCHWITZ: BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA? Reflections on the Holocaust. Edited by Eva Fleischer. KTAV Publishing House; (The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith). Cloth \$17.50, Paperback \$8.95.

This is a "heavy" book, not intended for the general reader, which is a pity, for its subject matter is of utmost importance to all Jews—and Christians as well.

The volume is comprised of papers given at the International Symposium on the Holocaust, held from June 3-6, 1974 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City. The participants were, for the most part, theologians, philosophers, Jewish and Christian spokesmen, and they were talking to and at each other, not to the public at large. As a result, the papers make for ponderous reading; only now and again in it are we confronted with feeling, with passion, with emotion.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, Elie Wiesel, the Messenger of the Holocaust, spoke movingly and, in view of the earlier papers, somewhat prophetically. For he said, after papers had been read and discussed and argued, "Let us tell tales—that is our primary obligation. Commentaries will have to come later, lest they replace or becloud what they mean to reveal." Wiesel emphasizes that the Auschwitz era proclaimed Man's evil. Alfred Kazin, commenting on the horror of an age, observes, "For us Jews the war never ends," and he expresses—in moving and emotional terms—his sense of depression that Jews must always struggle to exist as Jews.

There is an interesting, but not entirely relevant section on the New Left and its opposition to Israel. Shlomo Avineri and Milton Himmelfarb point out that the New Left, like the old Left, has always been anti-nationalist, and hence, anti-Israel.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS FALL UNDER some of the following rubrics: "Theological Reflections on the Holocaust" (with a thoughtful and lengthy paper by Irving Greenberg and Kazin's remarks, titled, "The Heart of the World"); "The History of Christian Theology and the Demonization of the Jews" (including a devastating paper by Rosemary Radford Ruether in which she argues that "the anti-Semitic legacy of Christian civilization" is a result of the Church's Christology; that anti-Semitism is at the very heart of Christian theology); "Judaism and Christian Education"; "Theological Reflections on the State of Israel in the Light of the Yom Kippur War" (in which Emil Fackenheim finds an undeniable relationship between the State of Israel and the Holocaust and that Israel is unique in that it cannot be defined in secular terms alone); and a segment, for reasons that escape me, on Jews and Blacks. There is a section of poems, some of which are moving and some of which are not.

The editor and a handful of participants in the symposium are not Jewish and a representative of the World Council of Churches on the Middle East explains Christians and Muslims of the East "could not" participate because the symposium "involves solely the Western conscience in its Judeo-Christian aspect, "and adds that his group refuses to "theologize on this subject."

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By Dr. Rose Franzblau

12-Year-Old Girl's Fears

QUESTION

I am a girl of 12 in junior high school. My grades are usually B+'s and A's.



Dr. Franzblau

My problem is that I usually act or do something silly. I know it is wrong. But I still want attention, for some reason or other.

I usually get the impression from others when I do this that I'm bad or that there is something wrong with me. Of course, I don't like to hear that, especially from my classmates at school.

I HAVE a sister, seven, whom we are all very proud of. I wish I could act like she does.

When I was five, I developed all kinds of fears. I didn't want to play by myself or with other children and I was scared to be left alone. Because of these fears, I didn't want to go to school.

Then my parents got me outside help. I saw somebody once a week for over two years. I also had a low opinion of myself because of my silliness.

I am now improved and am much more confident. But I've begun to act silly again, like I did years ago. It bothers me.

ANSWER

It is normal for fears to come and go during the growing years.

Entering some new kind of activity or reacting to something new that is taking place in a youngster's life, even though it is a happy event, can become something fearful. The youngsters always question how well they would do in the new situation under these changed conditions, and whether they will be as acceptable as they were before.

The arrival of your little sister when you had been the one and only for five years meant not only a loss of attention but the requirement that you take on more responsibility for yourself. By becoming dependent and clinging to your parents, you hoped to get the attention that a little one does. Also, wanting to stay home was psychologically a way of protecting your possessions, which could be taken away from you if you were not there to defend your territory.

IT IS a great tribute to your parents that they provided psychological help for you at that time. It said that they wanted the best for the child whom they loved so much. Going to school and operating on such a high level increased your confidence in yourself and the faith of your parents in you. Also, with time, you felt superior to your little sister in the intellectual arena.

But she was superior to you when it came to sweet and good behavior. At times, you felt she acted in an even more mature way than you did. On a deep level you didn't mind this too much because it gave you implicit permission to act in a silly way to get the attention which you felt was not given otherwise.

Now, with adolescence not too far off, and being somewhat anxious about acceptance by your peers, some of the old ways are being used to test your acceptability.

YOUR CLASSMATES probably respect your high intelligence and high achievements. Some of them may even be envious, and would like to be like you. By acting up in silly ways, you set them at ease and make them feel that they are superior in an area where you are inferior.

What may be creating an even greater conflict is that the wish now arises to be sought out by boys. You are probably ready emotionally to venture forth into a social life. But never having had any experience in this area you feel like an underachiever even before you have started.

Having benefitted so much from

therapy in the past, it would be a sign of real maturity for you to tell your parents that you would like to return for some additional sessions to help you over the present hurdles. This would give you the confidence to do as well in the social area as the former therapy gave you to operate scholastically.

YOUR PARENTS would not see this as a special demand for attention, but rather as a great gift to them as well as to yourself. It would say that you want to resolve your problem before it becomes serious.

There is no question that once you have this preparation, you will be an "A" student in the social field as well.

Just Between Us

This Is Your Life, Esther

By HELEN MINTZ

The story of Purim unfolds. "Just Between Us," may I take poetic



Helen

license, update and describe my version of what happened? This is your life Queen Esther. Please be escorted to your seat of honor, relax and enjoy as the panorama of your life unfolds before you.

Your parents died when you were very young, so you lived simply in a little cottage with your cousin. Dear cousin Mordecai. How well he remembers your real name Hadasah, but in the palace you were called Esther, for no one was to know you were a Jewess.

IT WAS DESTINED for King Ahasuerus to hold out his scepter and proclaim you Queen. Those early years of marriage were touch and go. Once he touched Esther, Vashti had to go. Anyway, the King had been having marital problems with Vashti. Women's lib had gotten to her and she was acting very independent. Bye, bye, poor Vashti. Of course she had a valid side to her story. She refused a summons to parade her beauty before a great party the King was having for the lords and nobles of his Kingdom. When she refused, because in her opinion, there was more to being a Queen than a sex symbol, she was out and Esther was in.

Listen...confidentially things could have been worse. At least she wasn't the hated villain Haman, Prime Minister, whose prime was waning. How he plotted. That man

was obsessed. Would you believe everyone was expected to pussy-foot around him, complete with a formal bow? How low down can one get? But not our hero, Mordecai. He wouldn't lay low and that no-good-nick Haman got the ear of the King. Between the two of them, they planned to do a number on the Jews.

IF THEY SUCCEEDED, the Jews' number would be a big fat zero. They selected a date, the thirteenth of Adar. Now Esther was ready to fulfill her destiny. Mordecai, learning of the Jews "lot," motivated her to break all precedent and appear before the King unsummoned. Catching the King off-guard and in a good humor, the King lightly bantered "What would you have of me?" plus "It shall be granted!" Not bad for openers, I'd say. She was on. The plot she had planned was thickening.

A dinner party for three. Oh how Haman gobbled up the spiced wine and rare fruits. Occasionally he would allow himself the luxury of relishing the thought of Mordecai hanging on the gallows. But as he neared the end of the meal, which in reality was to be his last, Esther brought the King up-to-date on the plot and sub-plot. She revealed her real identity and Mordecai became the new prime minister. He wore the King's ring with permission to use it as he wished.

WELL...need I remind you of the joy and celebration on the fourteenth of Adar? The Feast of Purim went down in the history books and to this day, we make a big megillah over it. And that's the way it was, "Just Between Us," two thousand years ago...more or less!

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

Banana Recipes Fit In With Purim Delicacies

By SARAH LIEBER

For Purim, or for any time there are many delightful sweets to The Banana Bunch, an industry association, offers us ideas the whole family will enjoy. As most of us know, bananas are low in fat, high in minerals and easy enough on the digestion



Sarah

for babies and oldsters and everyone between.

BANANA PECAN PIE

1/4 cup butter or margarine
3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
3 eggs
1 cup corn syrup
1 tbs. vanilla
1 cup pecan halves
2 cups banana slices (3 medium)
pastry for single-crust 9-inch pie
Line a pie pan with pastry and chill until filling is ready. In medium bowl cream butter and sugar; beat in eggs, one at a time. Stir in corn syrup, vanilla and pecans. Slice bananas into bottom of pastry lined pan. Pour pecan mixture over bananas. Bake at 350 degrees 40 to 45 minutes until filling is set and pastry is browned. Cool.
Yields 8 servings

BANANA FRUIT AND NUT BARS

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (4 medium)
1 1/2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup chopped pitted dates
1/2 cup chopped candied cherries
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
Cream butter and sugar in large bowl of electric mixer or with spoon. Add eggs, vanilla and mashed bananas; mix well. In small bowl mix flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in chocolate morsels, chopped dates, chopped cherries and nuts. Add to banana mixture and stir until blended. Turn into greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees 25 to 30 minutes or until cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Cut into bars approximately 2 x 1 inch.
Yields 3 dozen bars

BANANA PARTY CAKE

1/2 cup soft butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups sugar

2 eggs
2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsps. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (3 large or 4 medium)
1/4 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla
In large mixing bowl cream butter or margarine and gradually beat in sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs. Sift together dry ingredients. Combine milk, banana and vanilla. Blend dry ingredients alternately with banana mixture into creamed mixture. Turn into 2 greased and floured 9-inch layer pans. Bake at 350 degrees 30 to 35 minutes until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes, turn out carefully onto racks and cool completely. Frost as desired or with chocolate frosting (recipe below). Garnish with banana slices just before serving.

CHOCOLATE FROSTING

1 package (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cups confectioners sugar
Melt semi-sweet chocolate morsels in double boiler over hot water. Remove from hot water and cool. Blend in remaining ingredients and beat until smooth. Frosts and fills two layers.

BANANA DROP COOKIES

2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2 tsps. baking powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2/3 cup shortening or parve margarine
2 eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (2 to 3 bananas)
1 tsp. vanilla
cinnamon-sugar
Sift together dry ingredients into medium mixing bowl. Cut in shortening with two knives or a pastry blender. Add eggs, bananas and vanilla and beat to blend thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonsfuls about 1 1/2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for about 12 minutes or until cookies are done. Remove at once and cool on racks.
Yields about 3 dozen medium size cookies

Women's Party Formed In Israel

TELAVIV— The newest political party in Israel, the Women's Party, has suggested that men are welcome to join. Their platform would abolish inequality in marriage laws and calls for equality between the sexes and abolition of all discrimination based on sex, race, religion or any other basis.

Among the founders is Marcia Freedom, a member of the present Knesset, who had announced that she would not stand for the next Knesset on any party's list.

visiting with rhoda hauptman



March 4, 1977 The Jewish Post

For the last few years, I have observed a distinct change in my work habits. When I was young, I used to boast "I work better under pressure." That was my way of reassuring myself that it was perfectly fine for me to cram for a straight 30 hours before a final examination.

I am a procrastinator by nature. Why do today what you can find some reason to put off until tomorrow? So I comforted myself with the assurance that I was actually doing what was best for someone like me. In waiting almost until the moment of truth, I was justified. "I work better under pressure." Confidently, I really didn't know that, for sure. I had rarely worked any other way.

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW. What with the accumulation of years and a coronary attack, I found that I was better off if I revised my living habits, or, at least altered my tempo. And you have no idea how much simpler life has become! Or perhaps you do. Everyone is not necessarily a putter-offer.

It would be nice if my grandmother had lived to see how (fairly) well-organized I have gotten to be. She predicted such dire consequences for me because I did not follow the "a place for everything and everything in its place" rule by which Grandma lived. Today, in my routine tasks, in my work, and even in my social life I am a runner up for the Good Citizen Award and have a better On Time record than TWA. I admit that part of the reason may be that I get out of breath when I hurry, but at any rate I have finally attained the pinnacle of punctuality.

AS I LOOK BACK upon my earlier record, I remember what my mother used to ask. "If you had been invited to lunch at the White House, would you have arrived 10 minutes late? Isn't lunch with your own mother as important as lunch with the President?"

The logic is fine. The only thing wrong with my mother's reasoning is that she knew my faults and she still loved me because she had to. The President couldn't care less.

Preoccupation with time is, no doubt, a symptom of old age. The obvious reason is that the longer you live, the more valuable the minutes become for you know that you are going to have less and less of them.

Preoccupation with motion is another symptom of old age. Take the leg muscles: they sometimes need a little extra coaxing. You can do anything you did when you were 15, but not for so long a time and now there is a warm-up period required. Therefore, you allot more time to each task, in case you will need it.

Youth is more optimistic about how long a particular task will take. They breeze through chores and fly from one appointment to another as though they had Mercury's wings fastened to their ankles. You may as well get your enjoyment watching them for you will never again gain their speed.

OF COURSE THERE ARE BENEFITS to the Slow but Sure method. You don't get winded, and you have time to think while you labor. The finished product may not be as good as it once was. But it is the best you can do and that is something. Then, too, one of the great bonuses of advancing years is that you may be even better than you used to be when it comes to understanding others and judging them. We have learned to live with our own failings and we may even have learned to accept imperfection in other people. We cannot change anyone, so we may as well enjoy the fact that each of us is unique. Once we have done this we will find that we are better off, for such acceptance is easier on the nerves and on the arteries.

I wish I had the stamina that I once had. But otherwise, I am delighted that, finally, I have learned (or have I?) that I do not necessarily work better under pressure. Easy does it has become my method and I recommend it to the rest of you Silver Agers.

Non-Profit Mortuary Gives \$3.7 M. Charity

SAN FRANCISCO— One way in which a Jewish community may overcome the excesses in some communities involving Jewish funerals is the system here in which there is only one funeral home—Sinai Chapel—a non-profit venture which has contributed to local charitable groups in the past 20 years, \$3.7 million.

Why Tickets Hard To Sell For Voyage Of The Damned

MIAMI— Jewish organizations selling tickets to preview showings of "Voyage of The Damned," the story of the 900 Jews aboard the S.S. St. Louis during the Nazi era who were refused a landing in

Cuba and elsewhere including the United States, "were told time and again by their Jewish members, "I don't want to be reminded of it."

This was related by Edward

Cohen, in his column in The Jewish Floridian.

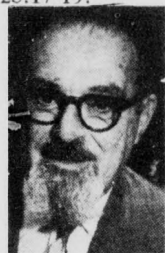
He wrote that "Except for one qualification, the film deals with one episode in the tragedy of the Jews in Hitler's Germany, and this is a tragedy of such proportions that neither Jew nor non-Jew wishes to be told of it, to be confronted with the reality of one of history's most gruesome genocides."

Bible Byways

The Two Holidays

By L.I. RABINOWITZ

Special portion, *Zachor*, Deut. 25:17-19.



Rabinowitz

It reads: "(We give thanks unto Thee) for the miracles, for the redemption, for the mighty deeds and saving acts wrought by Thee, as well as for the wars which Thou didst wage for our fathers in days of old at this season."

DESPITE this common historical events in our long history which are so diametrically opposed to one another in background and contents as are these two festivals. Hanukkah, as strange though it may sound, is the **only** Festival in the Jewish calendar which belongs, wholly and exclusively, from beginning to end, to the territory of the Land of Israel.

On the other hand the setting to which the story of Purim, which is the occasion of the special portion which is read tomorrow, is wholly and exclusively that of the Diaspora. It is the prototype of the long

history of the Jewish people in the Diaspora, the sudden and unexpected dangers to which it becomes exposed as a result of irrational hostility toward them; in this particular case, that of a single individual in high office who wished to revenge himself for a slight by a single Jew by making the whole community suffer.

AND AS A RESULT their imagined security changes to a position of mortal danger from which they are saved by the courage, resourcefulness and Jewish loyalty of the hero and heroine. It pinpoints both that constant lurking danger and the concatenation of apparent accidental circumstances which ensure their survival, which is, however seen as the working of the hand of God (who is nowhere mentioned in the whole Megillah of Esther!) They also are included in "the wars which Thou didst wage for our fathers," and the combination of both these events. The victory of arms which led to the establishment of the Second Commonwealth, and the victory which comes from civil activity serve to stress the truth, which strangely enough is expressed in the Biblical verse which belongs to the Haftarah not of Purim, but of Hanukkah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord."

Freedom of the Press

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WASKOW QUOTED TO SHOW WE WERE WRONG ON HIM

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The Jewish Post and Opinion devoted editorial space on Jan. 28 (Breira and The Newspaper) and on Feb. 11 (Dissent Most Valuable) to "condemn the attack on Breira" by The Jewish Week as "character assassination." "When you seek to crucify Arthur Waskow, who never hid his liberalism in Jewish and general matters and whose Jewish background is almost second to none in his devotion to fundamental precepts of Judaism," the editorial states, "...you are faced with a tragedy."

My letter is written not to dispute the PO's right and duty to comment editorially but rather to help document Waskow's thinking. We all know that what one person imagines as "liberal" or "fundamental precepts of Judaism" may not be what another person means. Thus, I enclose the following excerpts of Waskow's: from his comments at a 1969 Yom Kippur Service, from his *Freedom Seder* and from a 1971 ad which appeared over his home phone number.

At Washington's Tifereth Israel synagogue's Yom Kippur services, Waskow called upon Jews to ask atonement for "creating, owning and supporting a system of grocery stores that starve some children into apathy and death while our children get fat." (1)

From Waskow's *The Freedom Seder: A New Haggadah for Passover* "...it was time for the blacks (I've got a mind of my own!) to riot, to sweep through the Harlem night like a wave of locusts, breaking, screaming, bleeding, laughing,

crying, rejoicing, celebrating, in a jubilee of destruction, to regurgitate the white bullshit (sic) they'd been eating for four hundred years..." (2)

An ad in The Quicksilver Times, the "underground" Washington newspaper, June 1971, over Waskow's home telephone number: "A small group in Washington are interested in forming a Jewish Consciousness Raising Group. Women, Chicanos, Gay people, Blacks have all started groups which struggle in a collective way to talk about how America's oppressed them. We think Jews, especially movement people who are Jewish, have had their sense of Jewish identity fucked (sic) over by the melting pot, by Jewish collaborationist leadership, and by their parent's definition of what it means to be Jewish in Amerika. As Leftists, Movement people and non-Zionists seeking to struggle collectively with like-minded people, we're interested in having others join us." (3)

(1) The Quicksilver Times, October 1-11, 1969 also see Stephen D. Isaacs, *Jews and American Politics* (New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc. 1974) pp 94-6.

(2) Arthur T. Waskow, *The Freedom Seder: A New Haggadah for Passover* (New York: Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 1969), pp 19-20.

(3) The Quicksilver Times, June 2-16, 1971. (advertisement).

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Issue Is Freedom Of Speech, Says Rabbi On ADL Stand

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I read the Feb. 18 lead article in the P-O three times to make sure I was not having a bad dream. I cannot believe that ADL, of all organizations, would be the organization to start muzzling freedom of speech.

The issue is not Breira or the rabbis who met with the PLO. The same things are being said in Israel today, but even that fact is immaterial. The issue is the right to freedom of expression in the United States.

If ADL wishes to thwart Breira by its action, it helped about as much as Bull Conner did by putting the dogs onto the followers of Martin Luther King. Brieria could not have

asked for a better publicity agent than ADL—but that fact is also immaterial.

The prime issue—the ONLY issue is freedom of speech. No one is trying fire in a crowded lobby. People are expressing their opinions and exercising their constitutional rights. PERIOD. EXCLAMATION POINT. ANOTHER EXCLAMATION POINT.

I sincerely hope that B'nai B'rith will reject this ludicrous request of ADL and perhaps give ADL a not-so-subtle lecture on what ADL is supposed to be all about.

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Rabbi Asks League When, Who Appointed It Judge, Jury

Mr. Benjamin R. Epstein
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Dear Sir:

With alarm and urgency I write to you concerning your January 14, 1977 letter to Mr. Blumberg reprinted in The National Jewish Post and Opinion. This is one of the

most outrageous documents I have ever read.

Of course people have the right to support you and to disagree with me. So I am speaking for myself. Maybe BEREIRA is wrong; perhaps they are right. But should your position be upheld, I shall resign immediately from B'nai B'rith, encourage my children not to participate in BBYO (my daughter is a Regional Vice President of

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Thank You!

I am Jay Hoffer and I want a pen pal. I am 12½ years old and have just moved here where my dad is a teacher. I am lonely and would like to write boys and girls. My address is Box 3816 Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. 06520.

Differences Of Opinion In Best Tradition

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Regarding the editorial which appeared in your February 11 issue on dissent in the Jewish community, I am hailing your responsible and enlightened approach to differences of opinion in the Jewish community. Intolerance of open discussion can only serve to destroy our Jewish traditions of democratic free expression.

JORDAN HARBURGER
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Ill Behooves Jews To Be Intolerant

Editor, POST and OPINION:

You are to be highly complimented on your excellent editorial in the Feb. 18 P-O pointing out the dangerous precedent set by the Anti-Defamation League in recommending dismissal of Hillel rabbis who disagree with their policy. Freedom of thought is one of the basic principles of our Bill of Rights and the lifeblood of freedom. It ill behooves Jews, themselves victims of intolerance over the centuries, to practice what we have so long struggled against.

SYDNEY L. BERGER
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Evansville, Ind.

BGG) and urge all who will listen to me to disassociate from the Order and its affiliates which will have become something other than "fraternal" and Jewish.

Perhaps the Anti-Defamation League should examine its own house for some juicy defamation. When were you appointed judge and jury? By whom and for whom? Perhaps computers would serve you better than humans as employ-

Chomsky His Own Man, He Never Made Comments Raab Says He Did

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The issue of Feb. 11 contains an article headlined "Chomsky soiled for view Entebbe raid was wrong," which comments on "the condemnation by Noam Chomsky of the Entebbe Raid" and a challenge to this "condemnation." However, no such condemnation by me exists. In the article to which reference is made, I did not state or imply that the Entebbe raid was "wrong," or for that matter, that it was "right." Rather, I used the occasion to discuss crucial issues that were ignored or, in my opinion, misrepresented in the press commentary on the events.

Mr. Raab, who, according to your report, "challenged" this nonexistent "condemnation," is quoted as saying that I "somehow always end up in the Palestinian parade." It is interesting that Palestinians who have commented on my views invariably, to my knowledge, take a

very different view and describe me as a dissident Zionist. To the best of my knowledge, I am in my own "parade" on the complex issues of the Middle East.

If Mr. Raab means to suggest that I do defend the rights of oppressed peoples, including the Palestinians, I am pleased to accept the charge, with pride, and I am a little surprised that someone who evidently associates himself with the Jewish tradition should dissociate himself from this position.

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P.S. I enclose a copy of the article in question, which appeared in SEVENDAYS, July 26, 1976. I also enclose a copy of an interchange in *Socialist Revolution*, which is a typical example of Palestinian responses to my published views.

Rabbi Gordis View On Halachah And Women As Rabbi Disputed

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Rabbi Robert Gordis' contention that the halachah is silent about a woman's right to become a rabbi and his assessment of Rabbi Eliezer's views about the "an eye for an eye" law need correction.

The halachah is rather explicit about the appointment of a woman as a rabbi. Maimonides codifies in his *Hilchot Melachim* ch. 1:5 "and so for all appointments in Israel only a man shall be appointed." The commentators find the source of Maimonides' ruling in the Sifri. There were indeed occasions when women occupied positions of communal leadership (as the rabbinate is), but to say that the halachah does not deal with this matter is an oversight.

More serious is Rabbi Gordis' opinion of Rabbi Eliezer. To say

that Rabbi Eliezer understood the meaning of "an eye for an eye" literally is to ignore the Gemara on the spot and substitute Rabbi Gordis' interpretation for that of the Talmud. The Gemara explains rather than assesses the value of the injured's eye and pay compensation. Rabbi Eliezer holds that the injurer must pay the value of his own eye to the injured as an act of atonement and expiation. But there is only a monetary indemnity.

Rabbi Gordis' understanding would turn Rabbi Eliezer into a Karaite or Zadokite, rather than the Pharisaic authority that he was.

Sincerely yours,
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Students Form Own Tzedekah

CLEVELAND—Rejecting present fundraising techniques in the Jewish community, a Cleveland Tzedekah Collective has been organized by a group consisting mainly of college graduate and undergraduate students.

An ad in The Cleveland Jewish News defined the collective as "a group of Jews who have come together to pool their resources and enter into a democratic allocation process for their contributions." About 20 people attended the opening meeting.

THE NEWS ASKED Ms. Rachel Snyder why there was a need for an alternative way to collect funds.

"People are gaining an increased sense of alienation from the Jewish community as a whole," she said, "because of the established way of giving money. Many of us feel the need to give money and join a collective instead of giving to the United Jewish Appeal."

She added that the collective is not to be regarded simply as a fundraising group. "Anyone who wants to give money will have to be involved in research and to attend meetings and democratically vote on the charities to be covered."

THE NEWS SAID that such groups were functioning in Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia.

ees and members. I would not serve nor join a congregation that forced me to a "party line." Nor do I have any desire to belong to nor to support an organization such as that you propose B'nai B'rith become.

You have the right, as District 1 suggests, to prohibit B'nai B'rith's name from being used when persons act independently. But that is

something completely other than proscribing independent action. You would serve B'nai B'rith well, I boldly suggest, to retract your suggestion of becoming a Haman in Jewish garb.

Respectfully,
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Names in the News

Herbert Melrose, the owner of local Howard Johnson's motor lodges, has been elected to the Howard Johnson's Board.

Robert A. Yassin, Director of the Indianapolis Museum of Art, presented the awards for the 66th Indiana Artists Show at a museum reception on Tuesday evening, Feb. 22.

Dorothy Feibleman, Indianapolis ceramist, received a Museum Purchase prize for her inlaid porcelain bowl in this year's Mid-States Craft Exhibition at Evansville.

Gary Miller has been accepted to Indiana University Law School.

Alan Berkowitz made the Dean's list at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Mark Blain made the Dean's list at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

TERRE HAUTE—Jerry Eistandig, businessman and community leader, has been chosen to serve as chairman of the Terre Haute Campaign for State of Israel Bonds.

Maurers Designated Founders

Michael B. and Illene Maurer will be designated as Founders in Hadassah when their names are inscribed on a marble wall in the lobby of the Hadassah Medical Center on Mount Scopus. Michael recently honored his wife, president of the Indianapolis chapter of Hadassah, with a \$10,000 gift to Hadassah.

The Maurer family has an active history of Hadassah participation. Illene is a longtime Life member holding positions from Ha'Ima president and Donor chairman through various regional offices. Michael is an Associate, and their daughters, Stacy and Betsy, became life members last year, and this year their son, Larry, became a Hadassah associate.

JCC Netmen To Be Feted

The Annual Basketball Awards Program will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, Mar. 16 at the Jewish Community Center.

Awards and trophies will be presented to winning teams, outstanding players, sponsoring patrons, and coaches. The program is for children in grades 3-12, adult league members and families.

A film will be shown of the highlights of Indiana University's 1976 Championship Season.

Milt Bohard will be master of ceremonies.

Congrats To Fair Winners

The Hebrew Academy held its annual science fair on Thursday, Feb. 24 for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Six winners were chosen out of 19 participating students. These winners will enter the regional science fair at Marian College on Tuesday, Mar. 22.

In the fourth grade competition, first prize went to Kim Selby for her project "Air is There," and second prize to Barry Mirkin for "The Reflector Oven." The fifth grade winners were first prize to Jeffrey Greenblatt for "The Digital Display," and second prize to Leora Batnitzky for "The Structure of Bones." For the sixth grade Daniel Blain won first prize for "Whether your Weatherman is Right," and Joyce Mandel won second prize for "How We Cry." Honorable mention went to Michael Suess for "The Structure of the Eye."

Dr. David Sondack and Mrs. Racheal McGeever judged the event.

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Pearson Ford retained second place with a 24—6 win over last place Gallows. Norm Cohen led Pearson with a 580 series. The Style Store swept a thrilling match

from the Chalfie team to move ahead of Chalfie into third place with a 23—7 score. Harold Zukerman's 589 was high for the Style Store.

Moe Silverman of sixth place Capitol Paper had the day's best score with a 647, on games of 221, 200 and 226. Jeff Rich of fifth place Schuchman Metals rode a 612 and Sherwin Troy bowling for Mel Simon Associates against Rich scored a 608 series.



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B'nai Torah Activities B'nai Torah Sisters Present Program

Rabbi Ronald Gray will give the Katoov B'Torah reading and a special Passover message to the B'nai Torah Sisterhood at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 9 at the temple.

Mrs. Joel Samson, program chairman, will give a slide presentation

of Stern College for Women, a branch of Yeshiva University in New York City. Several Indianapolis students attend the college.

Mrs. David Fogle, president, will conduct the business meeting. Mrs. Abe Rambatz is hospitality chairman.

Refreshments will be served.

Adult Shabbaton to be Held

B'nai Torah is holding an adult Shabbaton on Saturday, March 26 at the temple. The day begins with the Sabbath service followed by a traditional Shabbos meal. Study sessions and informal discussions groups will be held in the afternoon.

The evening meal will be a Shalosh Seudos. A special Havdolah service will conclude the Sabbath. Participants are then invited to attend a concert of klezmer music by Giera Friedman sponsored by the Hebrew Academy at their new building.

The cost of the meal is \$6.00

Passover Workshop

A Passover workshop is being offered by B'nai Torah at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. The program will cover Passover songs, the Seder table, preparing the home for Passover, the basics of conducting the Seder, an analysis of the Haggadah, and Passover recipes.

There is no fee for the workshop which is open to the public.

Rayus Selects New Officers

Rayus Club will elect new officers for this year at the business meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 at the home of Mrs. Melvin Smith, 8422 Spring Mill Rd.

Opening and closing prayers will be given by Mrs. Melvin Smith and Mrs. Ruby Reiswerg.

Refreshments will be served. Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. Harry Berinstein, Mrs. Melvin Smith and Mrs. Ruby Reiswerg.

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Children from nursery through sixth grade will participate in the day's festivities.

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Regular Sabbath services will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 4. The Saturday service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

B'NAI TORAH

Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. Rabbi Gray will give a review of the sidrah of the week, Tezaveh.

ETZ CHAIM

Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. Rabbi Moshel will speak on the sidrah of the week.

IHC

Friday, March 4, at 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Saltzman will give the sermon on "The Moral Burden of Being a Jew." This will be a commentary on the Abu Daud affair, the Nativity scene, and a response to Jewishness.

UNITED ORTHODOX HEBREW CONGREGATION

Saturday, March 5, at 8:30 a.m. Rabbi Korb will give the sermon "The Value of Ceremonials."



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